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PHNOM PENH AIRFIELD  
CAMBODIA  
1133N 10451E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD J-4390 FOR COMPARISON)

1. PHNOM PENH, THE INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD FOR CAMBODIA, IS THE QUARTERS FOR THE ROYAL KHMER AIR FORCE AND THE ONLY AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING HEAVY JET TRANSPORTS.
2. COLLATERAL REPORTS OF JUNE 1963 - SEPTEMBER 1964 REVEAL CAMBODIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF A SOVIET GRANT OFFER OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, WHICH INCLUDED A "PERSONAL" GIFT TO PRINCE SIHANOUK OF THREE MIG-17 AND ONE MIG-15 (TRAINER) AIRCRAFT.
3. THREE OF THE FOUR SOVIET AIRCRAFT WERE DELIVERED TO CAMBODIA IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1963 AND UNCRATED AT PHNOM PENH AIRFIELD ON 3 DECEMBER. EIGHT SOVIET TECHNICIANS DEPARTED CAMBODIA ON 27 JANUARY 1964 AND REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSEMBLING OF THE MIG AIRCRAFT. APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN SOVIET TECHNICIANS HAVE REMAINED TO SERVE AS ADVISORS ON COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, RADAR, AND FLYING INSTRUCTION.
4. PRINCE SIHANOUK STATED IN A 15 FEBRUARY 1964 SPEECH THAT CAMBODIA WAS NEGOTIATING TO BUY TWO MIG FIGHTERS FROM THE USSR TO SUPPLEMENT THE FOUR THEN IN CAMBODIA. ON 27 SEPTEMBER TWO MIG-17 CRATES WERE REPORTEDLY UNLOADED FROM A SOVIET FREIGHTER IN SIHANOUKVILLE AND WERE LATER TRANSPORTED TO PHNOM PENH.

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5. AIRFIELD HAS BEEN COVERED BY PREVIOUS LEAD SEAT AND LAZY DAISY PHOTOGRAPHY. A POSSIBLE BIG BAR RADAR, FOUR POSSIBLE MIG-17 FUSELAGE SHIPPING CRATES, AND ONE PROBABLE AIRCRAFT COMPONENT CRATE WERE OBSERVED ON LEAD SEAT [REDACTED] LEAD SEAT [REDACTED] REVEALED FOUR POSSIBLE MIG-17 FUSELAGE SHIPPING CRATES AND THREE PROBABLE AIRCRAFT COMPONENT SHIPPING CRATES. LAZY DAISY [REDACTED] REPORTED A 7900 X 130 FT RUNWAY WITH A 2000 X 130 FT EXTENSION UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SOUTHWEST END.

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6. LEAD SEAT [REDACTED] REVEALED AN APPARENTLY COMPLETED 9900 X 130 FEET, NE/SW, CONCRETE, SERVICEABLE RUNWAY AND AN AIRCRAFT ORDER OF BATTLE WHICH INCLUDED 4 FAGOT/FRESCO.

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7. THIS MISSION (LEAD SEAT [REDACTED] REVEALS THE RUNWAY TO BE COMPLETED. THE AIRCRAFT ORDER OF BATTLE AND EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON THIS MISSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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- 5 FRESCO
- 1 FAGOT/MIDGET
- 4 T-37 (PREVIOUSLY READ OUT ON LEAD SEAT [REDACTED]  
AS 4 POSSIBLE FOUGA MAGISTER)
- 8 C-47
- 2 CRATE
- 6 PROBABLE DASSAULT FLAMANT
- 1 AD SKYRAIDER
- 14 PROBABLE T-28
- 13 PROBABLE LT-6

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- 1 DERELICT LT-6
- 10 PROBABLE O-1 (L-19)
- 3 POSSIBLE DHC-2
- 13 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE LOW-WING
- 1 POSSIBLE ALOUETTE II HELICOPTER

EQUIPMENT

- 10 PROBABLE 85MM AAA GUNS
- 2 PROBABLE AT-S TRACKED PRIME MOVERS
- 2 PROBABLE GUN DIRECTORS
- 12 PROBABLE U.S. 105MM-TYPE FA PIECES
- 33 CARGO TRUCKS
- 4 SMALL WHEELED VEHICLES
- 3 UNIDENTIFIED WHEELED VEHICLES

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